



THE TIR CONVENTION

THE ONLY GLOBAL CUSTOMS TRANSIT SYSTEM

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General principles of transit

- **Movement of goods under Customs control**
- **Without payment of duties and taxes in exchange for the deposit of a guarantee**
- **Additional requirements such as use of Customs seals, time limits and security measures, based on risk assessment**



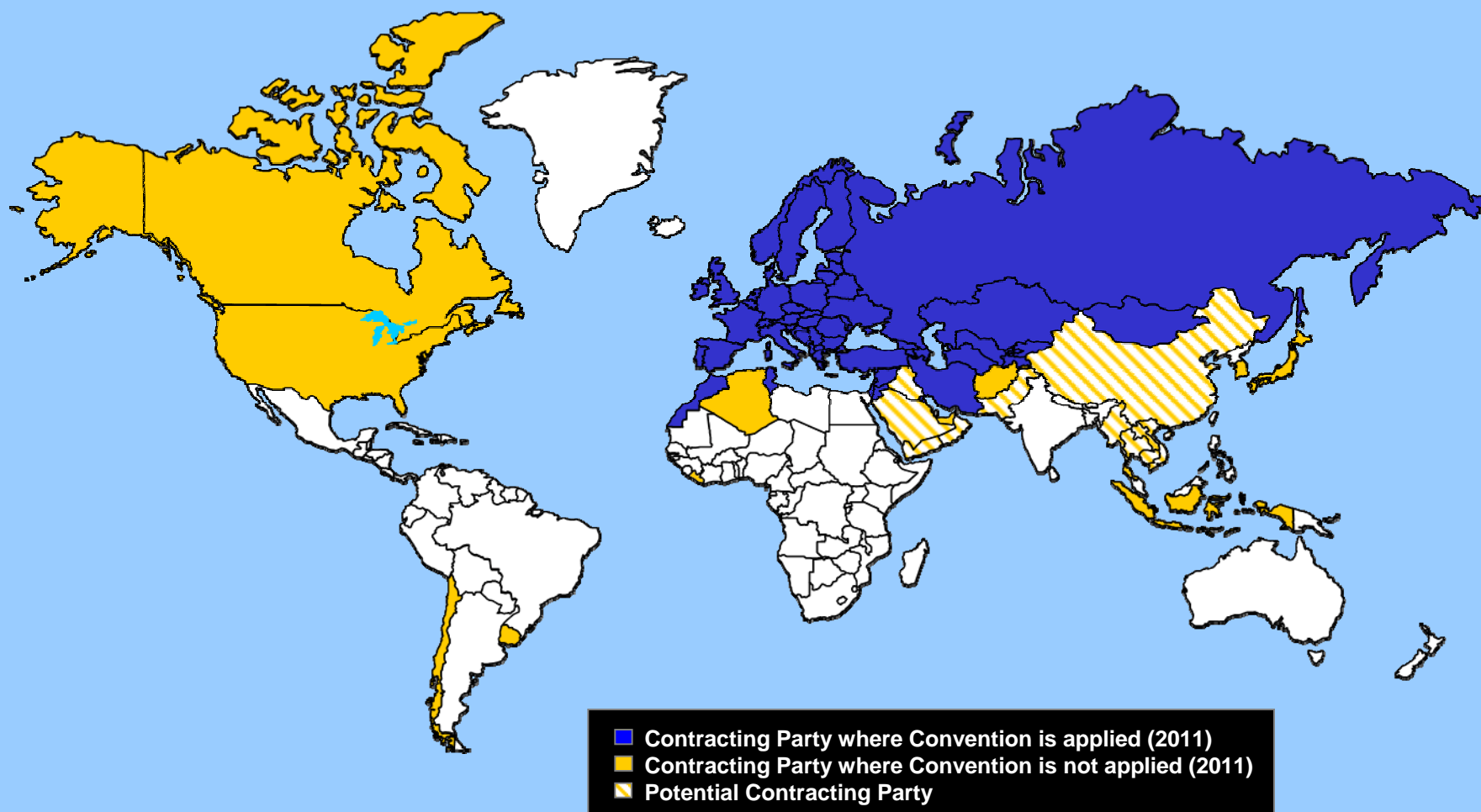
TIR Convention

Background & characteristics

- **History:**
 - **First Convention 1959, revision 1975, 28 amendments**
 - **From 6 countries to 68 countries (operational: 57)**
 - **During the last 15 years: 24 new Contracting Parties**
- **Objective:**
 - **Facilitation**
 - **revenue protection + Customs checks**
- **Only global transit procedure**
- **Intermodal (trucks and containers)**
- **Public/Private Partnership**



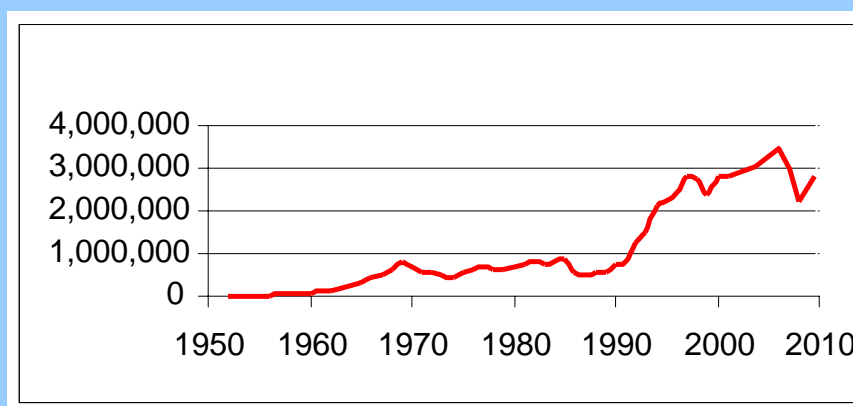
Geographical scope



THE TIR CUSTOMS TRANSIT PROCEDURE

Number of TIR Carnets issued

1959	67,000
1969	790.035
1990	748,600
2000	2,782,600
2008	3,258,300
2009	2,230,400
2010	2,822,200



THE TIR CUSTOMS TRANSIT PROCEDURE

Number of TIR Carnets issued in the Balkan region and neighbouring countries in 2010

Country	TIR Carnets issued
Albania	500
Bosnia Herzegovina	600
Bulgaria	137,600
Croatia	4,250
Greece	16,000
Montenegro	50
Serbia	20,000
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	23,500
Slovenia	10,100
Republic of Moldova	68,000
Romania	43,500
Hungary	17,800
Turkey	701,500



ADVANTAGES

Customs Authorities

- **No physical inspection of goods in transit (in principle)**
- **No national guarantee system**
- **No national Customs documentation and control system**



ADVANTAGES

Transport/Trade Industry

- **Minimum of procedures at border crossings**
- **No restriction in the modes of transport used**
- **Significant reduction of transport costs (reduced export and import costs)**



THE TIR CUSTOMS TRANSIT PROCEDURE

The five pillars of the TIR System

TIR Convention, 1975

5 pillars of the TIR system

Secure vehicles
or containers

International
guarantee

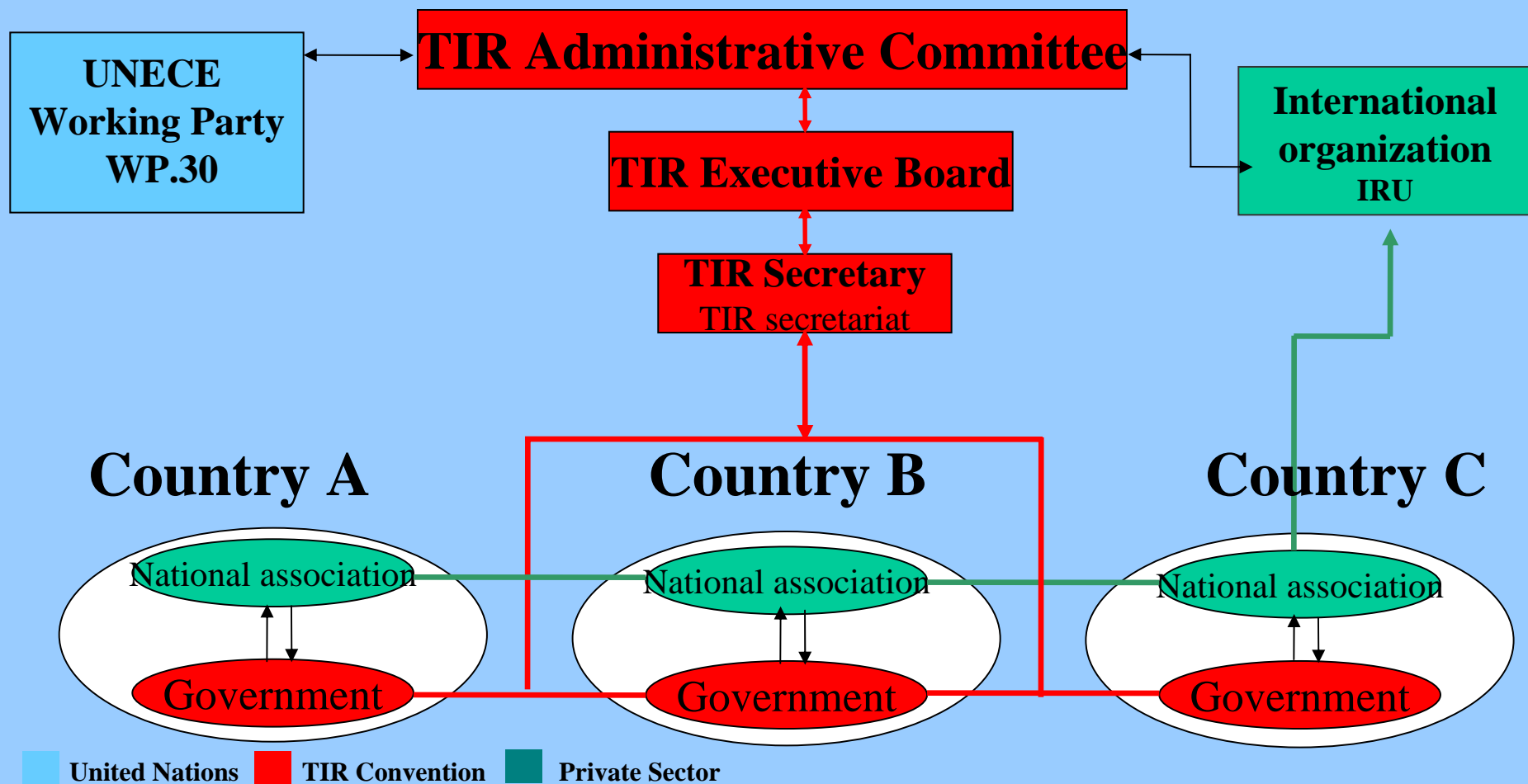
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(TIR Carnet)

Mutual recognition
of Customs
control

Controlled
access



ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



Legal structure

- **Body of the Convention**
- **Annexes, simplified amendment procedure**
- **Explanatory Notes**
- **Comments**
- **Recommendations and examples of best practices**



Future

- **Improving transparency of the authorization of an international organization**
- **Computerization of the TIR procedure**
- **Development of a multimodal electronic transit system**



**THANK YOU
AND
GOODBYE!**

